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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 31, 32, 37, and 51 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-19, 23-30, 35, 36, 38, and 39. (Previously Cancelled)

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20. (Previously Amended) A camera comprising:

a camera body;

an imaging device to conduct a photographing operation, wherein following a photographing operation said imaging device outputs image information;

a first connection adapted to be connected to a first semiconductor memory;

a second connection adapted to be connected to a second semiconductor memory;

a buffer memory for temporarily storing image information so that the stored image information is transmitted to said second semiconductor memory from said buffer memory;

a recorder which stores image information, outputted from said imaging device, on one of the first semiconductor memory and the second semiconductor memory;

a detector to detect, upon each photographing operation, a memory condition; and

a changer, coupled to said detector, to selectively determine which one of the first and second semiconductor memories is used to store image information outputted from said imaging device based on a detected condition by said detector, and change between a first condition and a second condition, wherein image information outputted from said imaging device is to be directed to the first connection for storage on a connected first semiconductor memory in the first condition, and image information outputted from said imaging device is to be directed to the second connection for storage on a connected second semiconductor memory in the second condition.

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21. (Currently Amended) A camera according to Claim 20, wherein the [first] second semiconductor memory is detachably mountable to the camera body, and the [second] first semiconductor memory is fixedly provided in the camera body.

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22. (Currently Amended) A camera according to Claim 20, wherein the [first] second semiconductor memory is an IC card.

33. (Previously Amended) A camera according to Claim 20, which further comprises a finder for finding a camera subject.

34. (Previously Amended) A camera according to Claim 20, which further comprises a printer for printing on a recording medium corresponding to the image information stored on one of the first semiconductor memory and the second semiconductor memory.

40. (Previously Amended) A camera comprising:  
a camera body;  
an imaging device to conduct a photographing operation, wherein following a photographing operation said imaging device outputs image information;  
a first connection adapted to be connected to a first memory;  
a second connection adapted to be connected to a second memory;  
a recording device to store image information on one of the first memory and the second memory;  
a detector to detect, upon each photographing operation, an available memory capacity and to output a signal representative of a result of such a detection; and  
a buffer memory for temporarily storing image information so that the stored image information is directed to said second memory from said buffer memory;  
a first changer to selectively determine which one of the first and second semiconductor memories is used to store image information outputted from said imaging device based on a detected condition by said detector, and change between a first condition and a second condition, wherein image information outputted from said imaging device is to be directed to the first connection for storage on a connected first semiconductor memory in the first condition, and image information outputted from said imaging device is to be directed to the second connection for storage on a connected second semiconductor memory in the second condition;

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a reproduction device to receive and reproduce image information stored on and outputted from one of the first memory and the second memory; and

a second changer to select one of the first memory and the second memory to provide image information to the reproduction device for reproduction.

41. (Previously Amended) A camera according to Claim 40, wherein said first and second memories are semiconductor memories.

42. (Previously Amended) A camera according to Claim 40, which further comprises a finder for finding a camera subject.

43. (Previously Amended) A camera comprising:  
a camera body;  
an imaging device to conduct a photographing operation, wherein following a photographing operation said imaging device outputs image information;  
a first SRAM memory capable of storing image information corresponding to at least two photographic frames;  
a second SRAM memory, wherein at least one of said first SRAM memory and the second SRAM memory is provided in the camera body;  
a buffer memory for temporarily storing image information so that the stored image information is transmitted to said second semiconductor memory from said buffer memory;  
a recording device provided within the camera body for selectively storing image information on one of the first SRAM memory and the second SRAM memory;  
a detector to detect, upon each photographing operation, a condition of one of the first SRAM memory or the second SRAM memory; and  
a changer, provided within the camera body, for causing said recording device to selectively determine which one of the first and second SRAM memories is used to store image information outputted from said imaging device based on a detected condition by said detector, and change from a first condition and a second condition, wherein image information outputted from said imaging device is to be directed to the first connection for

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storage on a connected first SRAM memory in the first condition, and image information outputted from said imaging device is to be directed to the second connection for storage on a connected second SRAM memory in the second condition.

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44. (Currently Amended) A camera according to Claim 43, wherein said [first] second SRAM memory is contained on an IC card which is detachably mountable to the camera body, and wherein said [second] first SRAM memory is provided in the camera body.

45. (Previously Amended) A camera according to Claim 43, further comprising:

a reproduction device to reproduce image information stored on a selected one of the first SRAM memory and the second SRAM memory; and

a changer provided within the camera body to cause said reproduction device to selectively change between a third condition, in which image information stored on said first SRAM memory is outputted from said first SRAM memory to the reproduction device for reproduction, and a fourth condition, in which image information stored on said second SRAM memory is outputted from said second SRAM memory to the reproduction device for reproduction.

46. (Previously Amended) A camera according to Claim 45, wherein said reproduction device is provided within said camera body.

47. (Previously Added) A camera according to Claim 20, wherein the memory condition concerns whether a first semiconductor memory is connected to the first connection.

48. (Previously Added) A camera according to Claim 20, wherein the memory condition concerns whether a connected first semiconductor memory maintains a sufficient memory capacity.

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49. (Previously Amended) A camera comprising:  
a camera body;  
an imaging device to conduct a photographing operation, wherein following a photographing operation said imaging device outputs image information;  
a first connection adapted to be connected to a first semiconductor memory;  
a second connection adapted to be connected to a second semiconductor memory;  
a buffer memory for temporarily storing image information so that the stored image information is transmitted to said second semiconductor memory from said buffer memory;  
a recorder which stores image information, outputted from said imaging device, on one of the first semiconductor memory and the second semiconductor memory;  
a detector to detect, upon each photographing operation, a memory condition;  
a changer, coupled to said detector, to selectively determine which one of the first and second semiconductor memories is used to store image information outputted from said imaging device based on a detected condition by said detector, and change between a first condition and a second condition, wherein image information outputted from said imaging device is to be directed to the first connection for storage on a connected first semiconductor memory in the first condition, and image information outputted from said imaging device is to be directed to the second connection for storage on a connected second semiconductor memory in the second condition; and  
an alarm mechanism to alert a user of a detected memory condition.

50. (Previously Amended) A camera according to Claim 49, wherein the selected status concerns memory capacity, and the alarm mechanism alerts the user whether an available memory capacity is below a threshold value.